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Field Crops

Cotton bolls are set on 95 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year at 93 percent, but behind the 5-year average at 96 percent. Opening of bolls are at 30 percent, ahead of last year's 29 percent and the five-year average of 27 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 16, ranging from 4 degree below normal at Parker to 5 degrees above normal at Aguila, Payson, and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Phoenix, and the lowest reading of 32 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 17 of the 22 stations. Paloma received 0.01 inches and Douglas received 1.44 inches of precipitation. Willcox is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received measurable precipitation throughout the month of July depending on location and elevation. Willcox remains the only reporting station to have above normal precipitation for the year. Temperatures statewide were above normal during every week of July. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly fair across the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair. Low elevation pastures were in mostly poor condition. Mid and high elevation pastures were in mostly fair condition. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In the Central areas of the State, rangeland and pasture conditions remain mostly fair. Pasture conditions in all elevations were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In the Southern region, rangeland conditions remain mostly poor. Low elevation pastures were mostly poor, mid elevation pastures were mostly very poor to poor, and high elevation pastures were mostly poor to good. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels remain mostly short. Insect damage is light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 10, 2009 - August 16, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	84	5	104	62	0.69	3.19	-2.77	54
Buckeye	89	-3	107	69	0.11	1.53	-2.51	38
Canyon De Chelly	72	-2	94	49	0.08	3.53	-1.93	65
Coolidge	84	-3	105	63	0.05	2.38	-2.09	53
Douglas	80	4	97	66	1.44	4.06	-3.60	53
Flagstaff	64	-1	86	40	0.25	6.80	-6.77	50
Grand Canyon	63	3	88	32	0.07	6.56	-6.23	51
Kingman	83	2	101	60	0.00	2.87	-2.96	49
Marana	88	3	105	72	0.02	3.60	-2.94	55
Maricopa	89	1	108	69	0.17	2.73	-1.47	65
Paloma	89	-2	108	67	0.01	1.20	-2.79	30
Parker	87	-4	108	62	0.00	0.99	-1.55	39
Payson	79	5	97	61	0.30	8.60	-4.05	68
Phoenix	93	1	110	74	0.28	2.63	-1.41	65
Prescott	74	5	93	55	0.19	5.15	-6.65	44
Roll	89	-3	109	63	0.00	0.66	-0.92	42
Safford	81	0	100	61	0.12	2.56	-2.51	50
St. Johns	73	2	94	53	0.08	1.98	-4.50	31
Tucson	87	3	103	70	0.14	4.49	-2.06	69
Willcox	80	4	105	62	0.37	8.06	0.85	112
Winslow	75	-2	95	53	0.00	1.71	-2.68	39
Yuma	94	2	109	77	0.00	0.75	-0.83	47
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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